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SUBJECT: Support for the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance

The President directed the Department of Defense to form a post-war planning group for Iraq. This group has been designated the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance (ORHA) and is directed by Mr. Jay Garner. This office deployed in early March to the Central Command area of responsibility.

The office is under the operational control of Commander, U.S. Central Command. ORHA's mission is critical to help create the conditions for transition to Iraqi self-rule and the withdrawal of coalition forces upon completion of their military objectives. The Secretaries of the Military Departments, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, commanders of combatant commands, and defense agencies and field activities shall provide support to ORHA, as required.

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